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United States District Court  
District of New Jersey

UNITED STATES JUDICIAL PANEL

on

MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

By:   
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02/04/2016

IN RE: LIQUID ALUMINUM SULFATE  
ANTITRUST LITIGATION

MDL No. 2687

TRANSFER ORDER

**Before the Panel:**\* Plaintiff in a District of Minnesota action and plaintiff in a District of New Jersey action separately move under 28 U.S.C. § 1407 to centralize pretrial proceedings in this litigation in, respectively, the District of Minnesota and the District of New Jersey. The litigation consists of nineteen actions listed on Schedule A. Additionally, the Panel has been notified of 27 related actions pending in six districts.<sup>1</sup>

All responding parties support centralization, but disagree as to the appropriate transferee district for this litigation. Plaintiffs in six actions and potential tag-along actions support centralization in the District of Minnesota. Plaintiffs in fourteen actions and potential tag-along actions and all but one responding defendant<sup>2</sup> support centralization in the District of New Jersey. Plaintiffs in nine actions and potential tag-along actions suggest centralization in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, in the first instance or in the alternative.

On the basis of the papers filed and the hearing session held, we find that these actions involve common questions of fact, and that centralization of this litigation in the District of New Jersey will serve the convenience of the parties and witnesses and promote the just and efficient conduct of this litigation. These actions share factual questions arising out of allegations that defendants conspired to fix prices; conspired to circumvent competitive bidding and independent pricing; and committed other anticompetitive practices designed to unlawfully fix, raise, maintain and stabilize the prices at which liquid aluminum sulfate was sold in the U.S. between 1997 and 2010, in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act. Centralization will eliminate duplicative

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\* Judge Charles R. Breyer took no part in the decision of this matter.

<sup>1</sup> These and any other related actions are potential tag-along actions. See Panel Rules 1.1(h), 7.1, and 7.2.

<sup>2</sup> Chemtrade Logistics Income Fund; Chemtrade Logistics, Inc.; Chemtrade Solutions, LLC; Chemtrade Chemicals US, LLC; Chemtrade Chemicals Corporation; General Chemical Corporation; GenTek, Inc.; General Chemical Performance Products, LLC; Frank A. Reichl; C&S Chemicals, Inc.; GEO Specialty Chemicals, Inc.; and Kemira Chemicals, Inc.. Defendant Hawkins, Inc., takes no position as to the Section 1407 motion.

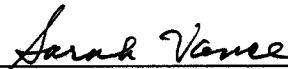
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discovery; prevent inconsistent pretrial rulings, particularly with respect to class certification; and conserve the resources of the parties, their counsel and the judiciary.

We are persuaded that the District of New Jersey has the closest nexus to this litigation. Several defendants are located in or near this district, including defendants named in most actions, and therefore, relevant documents and witnesses are likely to be found there. A related criminal action is pending in this district, and a majority of actions already are pending there.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the actions listed on Schedule A and pending outside the District of New Jersey are transferred to the District of New Jersey and, with the consent of that court, assigned to the Honorable Jose L. Linares for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings.

PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION



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**SCHEDULE A**

District of Minnesota

CITY OF ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA v. HAWKINS, INC., ET AL.,  
C.A. No. 0:15-04266  
METROPOLITAN COUNCIL v. HAWKINS, INC., ET AL., C.A. No. 0:15-04303

District of New Jersey

CENTRAL ARKANSAS WATER v. REICHL, ET AL., C.A. No. 2:15-07827  
DETROIT WATER AND SEWERAGE DEPARTMENT v. REICHL, ET AL.,  
C.A. No. 2:15-07896  
CHESTER WATER AUTHORITY v. REICHL, ET AL., C.A. No. 2:15-07928  
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER v. GENERAL CHEMICAL PERFORMANCE  
PRODUCTS, LLC, ET AL., C.A. No. 2:15-07996  
CITY OF WINTER PARK v. GENERAL CHEMICAL CORPORATION, ET AL.,  
C.A. No. 2:15-08031  
HAZELTON CITY AUTHORITY v. REICHL, ET AL., C.A. No. 2:15-08056  
THE CITY OF CINCINNATI v. REICHL, ET AL., C.A. No. 2:15-08065  
AMERICAN EAGLE PAPER MILLS, INC. v. REICHL, ET AL., C.A. No. 2:15-08142  
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN v. REICHL, ET AL., C.A. No. 2:15-08198  
AMREX CHEMICAL COMPANY, INC. v. REICHL, ET AL., C.A. No. 2:15-08227  
CITY OF GREENSBORO v. REICHL, ET AL., C.A. No. 2:15-08230  
CITY OF NEWARK v. REICHL, ET AL., C.A. No. 2:15-08261  
THE BRICK TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY, ET AL. v.  
REICHL, ET AL., C.A. No. 2:15-08273  
THE CITY OF TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS, ET AL. v. REICHL, ET AL.,  
C.A. No. 2:15-08294  
CLARKSVILLE LIGHT & WATER CO. v. GENERAL CHEMICAL CORPORATION,  
ET AL., C.A. No. 2:15-08295

Eastern District of Pennsylvania

ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND DESIGN, INC., ET AL. v. GENERAL  
CHEMICAL CORPORATION, ET AL., C.A. No. 2:15-06421  
FLAMBEAU RIVER PAPERS, LLC v. REICHL, ET AL., C.A. No. 2:15-06422